Scheme for Cottage Industries

†1924. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any scheme for the promotion of Cottage Industries in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the allocation of funds made by Government for the promotion of Cottage Industries during the year 2002-2003, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the country for the promotion and development of the village industries including cottage industries. Under this scheme, margin money assistance is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for projects above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ST/OBC/Women/Physically Handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar, Islands, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 Lakhs it is 30% of 10 Lakhs plus 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST/other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks etc.

(c) The State-wise details of funds allocated/utilised under REGP during 2002-03 is given in the enclosed Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise funds allocated/utilised under REGP during 2002-03

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Rs. in lakhs.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1783.22
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	46.30
3.	Assam	381.69
4.	Bihar	108.43
5.	Goa	207.29
6.	Gujarat	104.11
7.	Haryana	888.02
8.	Himachal Pradesh	652.02
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	180.61
10.	Karnataka	1573.99
11.	Kerala	1207.87
12.	Madhya Pradesh	628.26
13.	Maharashtra	1556.26
14.	Manipur	113.14
15.	Meghalaya	137.29
16.	Mizoram	225.30
17.	Nagaland	50.31
18.	Orissa	160.25
19.	Punjab	1760.16
20.	Rajasthan	2197.46
21.	Sikkim	6.70
22.	Tamil Nadu	615.81
23.	Tripura	106.23
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2295.60
25.	West Bengal	1223.97
26.	Andaman and Nicobar	78.79
27.	Chandigarh	0.40
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	9.66
29.	Daman and Diu	0.00
30.	Delhi	18.47
31.	Lakshadweep	0.00
32.	Pondicherry	0.29
33.	Chhattisgarh	427.33
34.	Jharkhand	426.01
35.	Uttaranchal	380.85
	TOTAL	19552.09